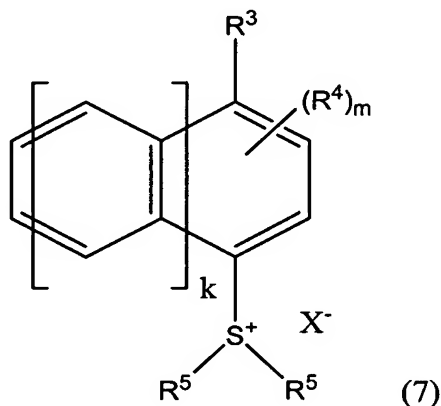


### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 continuing on to page 8, line 5 as follows:

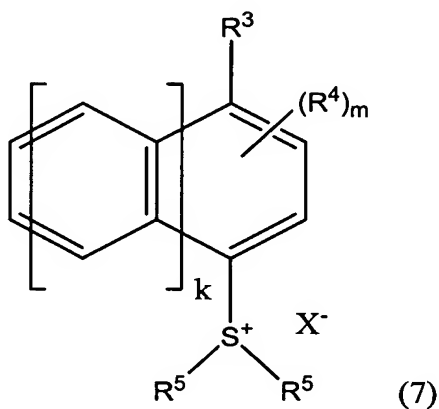
In a preferred embodiment of the above radiation-sensitive resin composition, the photoacid generator (B) is a compound of the following formula (7),



wherein  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group, linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, or linear or branched alkoxy carbonyl group having 2 - 11 carbon atoms,  $R^4$  represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms,  $R^5$  individually represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or two  $R^5$  groups bond to form a substituted or unsubstituted divalent group having 2 - 10 carbon atoms,  $k$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $X^-$  represents an anion represented by the formula  $R^6C_nF_{2n}SO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^6$  represents a fluorine atom or substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 10), and  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 10.

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 34, line 27 continuing on to page 35, line 19 as follows:

The acid generator (B) of the present invention preferably comprises a compound represented by the following formula (7) (hereinafter referred to as “an acid generator (B\*)”).



wherein  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group, linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, or linear or branched alkoxy carbonyl group having 2 - 11 carbon atoms,  $R^4$  represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms,  $R^5$  individually represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 - 10 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, or substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, or two  $R^5$  groups bond to form a substituted or unsubstituted divalent group having 2 - 10 carbon atoms,  $k$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $X^-$  represents an anion represented by the formula  $R^6C_nF_{2n}SO_3^-$  (wherein  $R^6$  represents a fluorine atom or substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 10), and  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 10.